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TO: FCC Commissioners

RE: **02-277**

We are writing to strongly oppose the matter before the Commission to allow greater concentration of control of print and broadcast media. The interest of the public is not served by allowing a few well-funded organizations to control these media. Also, artists (musicians) who are not "mainstream" have little choice for promoting their work and making a living than the exposure they receive on the few remaining independent radio stations in the country.

Please respect the rights of the public to continue to receive a diverse range of information and entertainment. Thank you.

Respectively submitted,

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